

BOROUGH OF JENKINTOWN
JENKINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 26, 2004

CALL TO ORDER:

President Whitney called the April meeting of the Borough Council to order in Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 p.m. this 26th day of April 2004.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Wall led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Breslin, Mr. Davis, Mr. DiValentino, Mr. Fellmeth, Mr. Giddings, Mr. Golden, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Polakoff, Mr. Segal, Ms. Sher, Vice-President Montanaro and President Whitney (11).
Mr. McCabe asked to be excused (12).

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Gregory Wall, Solicitor Michael Hynes, Police Chief Albert DiValentino, Secretary/Manager Edwin Geissler, and Assistant Manager Meghan O'Brien.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Segal moved, seconded by Councilman DiValentino, to approve the minutes of the March 22nd, 2004 Regular Council Meeting and the April 5th, 2004 Special Council Meeting, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE".

Councilman Fellmeth requested that the minutes include more of the substantive debate that occurs during the Council Meetings, as well as recognize the members of Council who oppose any motion before the members.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND INVOICES:

Vice-President Montanaro reported the fund expense totals for the various funds for the month of March 2004, as listed in detail in the agenda packet and summarized below:

General Fund (including 3 payrolls)	\$206,343.25
Street Lights Tax Fund	\$ 7,693.29
Fire Tax Fund	\$ 4,887.37
Solid Waste Collection Service	\$ 40,552.82
Street Tax Fund	\$ 7,116.87
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 0.00
Police Pension Fund	\$ 13,203.03
Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Fund	\$ 1,363.59

Councilman Segal moved, seconded by Councilman Davis, to approve the payrolls and invoices for the month of March 2004, as listed in the agenda packet.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Vice-President Montanaro moved, seconded by Councilman Davis, to recess the Regular Order of Business to entertain comments from the audience.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

There were no citizens comments.

RECONVENE:

Councilman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Segal, to reconvene the Regular Order of Business.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

Vice-President Montanaro reported that his minutes were loose in the agenda packet and that he would answer any questions.

Public Works:

President Whitney reported for Councilman McCabe that the minutes were in the agenda packet.

Public Safety:

Councilman Fellmeth reported that Councilman McCabe had Chaired the Public Safety meeting in April, so anyone present would be able to answer questions and there is one item on the agenda. In addition, he informed Council that the Police Chief would like to appoint a new Part-Time Officer.

Building, Planning & Zoning

Councilman Golden reported that the minutes were in the agenda packet and that the University of Pennsylvania Graduate Students would be making their final presentation Thursday April 29, 2004..

JCA:

Councilman Golden had no report on the JCA at the time.

School Board Liaison:

Councilman Breslin reported that the minutes of the School Board Meeting were in the agenda packet.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Hynes stated that he no report at this time.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wall stated that he had no report at this time.

Chief's Report:

Chief DiValentino reported that the Police Department would like to hire a new Part-Time Officer and that an intern from Drexel would begin working on May 3, 2004.

Assistant Manager's Report:

Assistant Manager O'Brien stated that she has no report at this time, but would entertain any questions.

Manager's Report:

Manager Geissler reported that Secretary Tricia Anderson had a baby girl named Charlotte Rose.

Points of Discussion:

Councilwoman Sher had questions regarding the outcome of Joe Hentz's presentation on the façade rebate program, specifically whether or not we are going to assist businesses that are delinquent in their tax payments. Vice-President Montanaro stated that the Committee made it clear to the Design Task Force that there are some grave concerns about aiding businesses that do not pay their obligation to the Borough, while Councilman Segal acknowledged that there is some concern that JCA and the Design Task Force may operate the program different from the way that the Borough would proceed.

Councilman Fellmeth informed Council that the Borough was presented with the 2003 Merit Award for the Town Square at a ceremony he attended. Councilman Fellmeth stated that this Community Project ought to be recognize as an accomplishment and offered his thanks to Ed Landau and Judy Hendrixson as two individuals who truly made this project a reality. President Whitney asked Borough Administration to hang the plaque up in the office and said that this is an accomplishment to be proud of and that there are many others who deserve praise. Mayor Wall stated that Steve Beltz also deserved a special thanks.

Councilwoman Sher asked for clarification on the Building, Planning and Zoning minutes regarding the use of a corporate sponsor on the sidewalk sale banner. She stated that she felt the minutes were incorrectly stated.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Replacement of Fire Apparatus:

Councilman Fellmeth moved, seconded by Vice-President Montanaro, to authorize the administration to advertise the Independent Fire Company's proposed specifications for a used 1994 Pierce Lance Quint Fire Apparatus with a 105-foot Aerial Ladder with a 2000 GPM Single Stage Pump FOB Jenkintown PA. Proposed apparatus is currently located in the State of Texas and is being offered for sale by Texas Fire Trucks.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

Vice-President Montanaro thanked the Fire Company for its patience with the process of obtaining replacement apparatus and would encourage the Fire Commission to come up with a schedule for replacing apparatus in order to make this endeavor easier.

Mr. Bill Pross of the Independent Fire Company asked about the merging of Borough Ordinances for a new Fire Commission. Borough Manager Ed Geissler indicated that a review of the current ordinances must take place and drafts submitted to the Committee for consideration.

Appointment of Open Space Committee:

President Whitney was requested to appoint an Open Space Committee who shall work with the County of Montgomery to develop and suggest modifications that may be necessary in the Borough current Open Space Plan in order to be eligible for current funding available to the municipalities. He appointed Councilmen Breslin, Golden, and DiValentino, Jim Rose from the Jenkintown Planning Commission, and stated that both the citizen and school board representatives would be appointed at later date.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

JCA Resolution

Councilman Whitney moved, seconded by Councilman Segal, to authorize the filing of a proposal of funds with the Department of Economic and Community Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the Main Street Program

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

Councilwoman Sher raised several questions and concerns regarding the JCA. She asked for clarification on both the Main Street Program funding resolution and on the projected budget for the year in which she expressed her concerns regarding the overall numbers and payments.

Appointment of a Part-Time Officer

Councilman Fellmeth moved, seconded by Councilman Segal, to approve and authorize, at the request of Sergeant Tucker, the hiring of John Catrombon, a graduate of the Allentown Police Academy, as a Part-Time Jenkintown Police Officer.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

Executive Session:

Councilman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Giddings, to recess to an Executive Session of the Borough Council to discuss a personnel issue.

MOTION CARRIED, 8 to 3 (Councilman Fellmeth, Councilman DiValentino, and Vice-President Montanaro vote “NEY”)

All individuals other than the members of Council were excused from the room.

KSK Contract:

Before adjourning, the KSK Contract for the Redevelopment Plan was discussed.

Councilwoman Sher stated that she would like to see the KSK Contract put on one of the Committee Agendas for discussion.

President Whitney requested that Solicitor Hynes look over the KSK Contract and return an opinion to the Borough Manager.

ADJOURN:

Councilman Polakoff moved, seconded by Councilman DiValentino, to adjourn this April 26th Borough Council Meeting at 8:25 p.m. this 26th day of April 2004.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting “AYE”